

**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of fabricating a negative plate for nickel/metal hydride secondary batteries, the method comprising:  
    perforating each of at least two collectors to have a plurality of perforations;  
    filling powders of metal hydride between the perforated collectors; and  
    compressing the collectors having the powders of the metal hydride filled therebetween, so that the powders of the metal hydride are contained in the collectors and the collectors are combined at upper and at lower edges thereof.
2. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1, further comprising coating the powders of the metal hydride with one of nickel, copper and a mixture of nickel and copper.
3. (Original) The method as defined in claim 2, wherein the coating of the powders of the metal hydride is performed prior to the filling of the powders of the metal hydride.
4. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1, further comprising forming each of the collectors in a strip form.
5. (Original) The method as defined in claim 4, wherein the collectors are made of nickel.
6. – 17. (Cancelled)